

CSWC Operational Period Summary

1800 March 21 2015 to 0600 March 22 2015



Breaking Dawn at Kirby Cove in Sausalito, Marin County, on 03/13/15

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SITUATION SUMMARY

Significant Events – National

Train Cars Hauling Methanol Derail in Central Texas

(AP) Texas authorities say a dozen train cars have derailed near Valley Mills, including five tanker cars carrying methanol. Department of Public Safety spokesman Trooper D.L. Wilson says no injuries or fires have been reported from the Saturday evening accident. He says one or two of the methanol-hauling tanks have small leaks. He says a hazardous materials crew is on the scene. Wilson says about 10 nearby homes were evacuated as a precaution. Residents were allowed to return around 9 p.m. Wilson says it's unclear what caused the derailment, but says heavy rain has been falling in the area. He says the weather was making it difficult for vehicles to get to the scene to unload material from the derailed cars, which also include seven flatbeds carrying oil-well pipes.

Pentagon Investigates 'IS Online Threat' to US Military

(BBC News) The US defense department says it is investigating an online threat allegedly made by Islamic State (IS) to about 100 of its military personnel. A list of names and addresses was posted on a website linked to the group alongside a call for them to be killed. A US security source told the BBC that those on the list were being contacted. The group, which called itself the Islamic State Hacking Division, said the personnel named had participated in US missions against IS. It urged its supporters in the US to "take the final step" and "deal with" those named. A US defense official, speaking on condition of anonymity, told US media: "I can't confirm the validity of the information, but we are looking into it." A spokesman for the US Navy's law enforcement agency told the BBC that the personnel would be advised to check their online footprint and adjust their privacy settings. The US and its allies have been conducting air strikes against Islamic State militants in Syria and Iraq since last September.

SITUATION SUMMARY

Significant Events – International

State Department: U.S. Pulls Last Special Operations Forces out of Yemen

(CNN) The U.S. military has pulled its remaining personnel out of Yemen due to the deteriorating security situation, the U.S. State Department said. "There is no military solution to Yemen's current crisis," State Department Spokesman Jeff Rathke said late Saturday. "We urge the immediate cessation of all unilateral and offensive military actions." The evacuation involved about 100 Special Operations forces members from the Al Anad airbase, sources in the region familiar with the situation told CNN. Those evacuated, which include Navy SEALs and members of the Army's Delta Force, were the last American forces stationed in the Arab nation, which is home to al Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula, the terrorist group also known as AQAP. The United States closed its embassy in Sanaa last month, after Houthi rebels took over the Yemeni capital. And hundreds of al Qaeda members escaped two Yemeni prisons Thursday and Friday, raising further security questions.

Japan Opts for Massive, Costly Sea Wall to Fend off Tsunamis

(AP) Four years after a towering tsunami ravaged much of Japan's northeastern coast, efforts to fend off future disasters are focusing on a nearly 400-kilometer (250-mile) chain of cement sea walls, at places nearly five stories high. Opponents of the 820 billion yen (\$6.8 billion) plan argue that the massive concrete barriers will damage marine ecology and scenery, hinder vital fisheries and actually do little to protect residents who are mostly supposed to relocate to higher ground. Those in favor say the sea walls are a necessary evil, and one that will provide some jobs, at least for a time. Pouring concrete for public works is a staple strategy for the ruling Liberal Democratic Party and its backers in big business and construction, and local officials tend to go along with such plans. The paradox of such projects, experts say, is that while they may reduce some damage, they can foster complacency. That can be a grave risk along coastlines vulnerable to tsunamis, storm surges and other natural disasters. At least some of the 18,500 people who died or went missing in the 2011 disasters failed to heed warnings to escape in time.

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Weather of Concern

- No significant Weather Watches or Warnings are in effect.

Active Weather Warnings, Watches and Advisories by County: http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/sto/brief/wwa_bc_cal.php

Cal EOC Incident – 2014 Drought

- SOC / Inland REOC remains activated in support of 2014 Drought

WEATHER

WEATHER SYNOPSIS BY REGION:

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AND CENTRAL COASTAL AREAS:

Eureka Weather:

A cold front will move into the area today. This will bring rain and possible thunderstorms as it passes. Periods of rain will continue through Tuesday. On Wednesday, high pressure builds in and is expected to persist for the remainder of the week.

Medford Weather:

Light to moderate rain is expected today for all of the forecast area, with the period of heaviest rain just ahead of and along the front. Following the frontal passage, the mid-level trough aloft and onshore flow in the lower levels will produce showers lasting through tonight and into Monday morning before tapering off Monday afternoon as the trough slides east. Another period of rain and snow is forecast from Monday night into Tuesday evening. High pressure and mid-level ridging will return on Wednesday bringing back warm temperatures and keeping the weather dry through the rest of the week.

Reno Weather:

A spring storm system will bring strong and gusty winds along with increased chances for rain and snow this afternoon through Monday. Higher elevation passes in the northern Sierra may be snow covered Monday morning. Light showers may linger in Northern California and Nevada through Tuesday night. This will be followed by much warmer and drier conditions the rest of the week.

San Francisco Weather:

A series of weak weather systems will bring cooler temperatures to the region and a chance of light precipitation to the North Bay today through Tuesday. The best chances will be tonight through Monday morning with light rain possible as far south as the Monterey Bay region. A warming and drying trend will resume Tuesday and persist through the latter half of the upcoming work week as high pressure builds over California.

WEATHER

WEATHER SYNOPSIS BY REGION:

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA AND SOUTHERN SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY

Sacramento Weather:

A Pacific storm will bring cooling, breezy to windy conditions, and some light to moderate precipitation across portions of interior Northern California today into Tuesday. Dry and much warmer weather is forecast through the remainder of the week as strong high pressure returns.

Hanford Weather:

A weak storm system will brush the northern portion of the forecast area, with precipitation possible mainly over the southern Sierra Nevada tonight and Monday and through the Kern County Mountains. Dry weather and above normal temperatures will return on Tuesday and continue through the end of next week.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA:

Los Angeles Weather:

A weak upper level trough will bring cooler weather to the region today with plenty of low clouds west of the mountains. A dry frontal system will move through the region this evening followed by gusty northwest to north winds in some areas later tonight through Monday night. Upper level ridging and offshore flow will bring a warming trend during the week, with well above normal daytime temperatures Wednesday through Saturday.

Extreme Southwestern California Including Orange, San Diego, Western Riverside and Southwestern San Bernardino Counties:

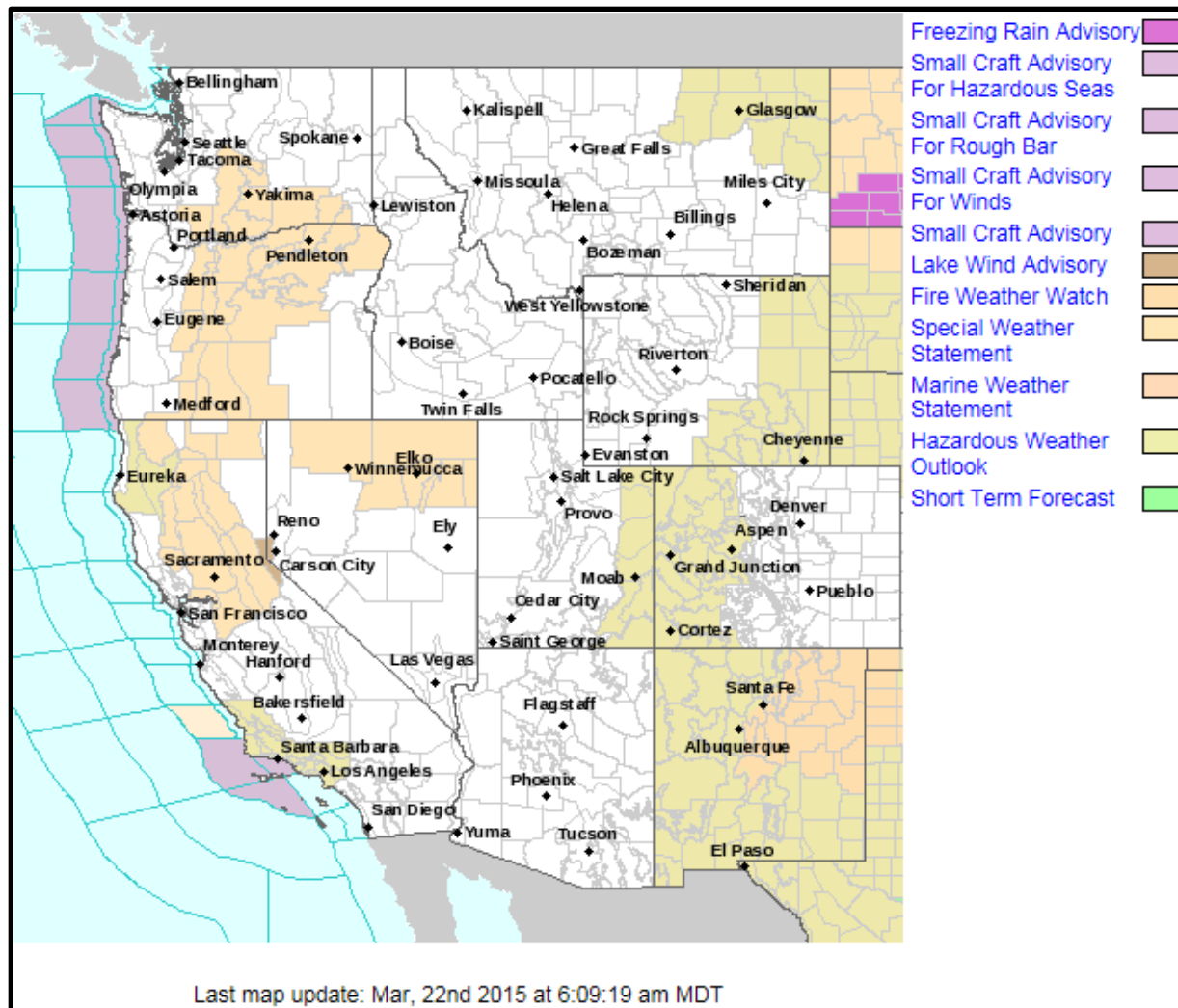
A trough of low pressure off the West Coast will move inland tonight and Monday bringing cooling, a deeper marine layer with night and morning coastal low clouds and fog, and gusty west winds for the mountains and deserts. For Tuesday and Wednesday, there will be gradually warmer temperatures with weaker west winds in the mountains and deserts. For Thursday and Friday high pressure aloft and weak offshore flow will bring much warmer weather with gusty northeast winds near the coastal foothills. Slight cooling near the coast is possible for Saturday as high pressure begins to weaken.

Southeast California Weather:

Mostly sunny skies and abnormally warm temperatures are expected through the middle of the week as high pressure remains anchored over the Desert Southwest. By Friday, high temperatures in the Lower Deserts will rise into the lower 90s.



STATE WEATHER MAP



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FIRE ACTIVITY



Preparedness Levels

National Preparedness Level 1

Northern California

Preparedness Level 1, Multi-Agency Coordination System MACS Mode 1

Southern California

Preparedness Level 2, Multi-Agency Coordination System MACS Mode 2

California Fire Potential & Weather Maps

Southern California 7 Day Significant Fire Potential

<http://psgeodata.fs.fed.us/7day/action/forecast/8>

Northern California 7 Day Significant Fire Potential

<http://psgeodata.fs.fed.us/7day/action/forecast/10>

California Fire Weather Map Watches and Warnings

<http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/firewx/main.php>

NWS California River Forecast Center:

<http://www.cnrfc.noaa.gov/>

RECOVERY ACTIVITIES

Round Fire, Mono County

- Site sampling and hazardous materials recovery of the affected properties began 03/14/15. Cal Recycle to begin debris removal operations 03/23/15.

CAL OES 2014 DROUGHT

Cal EOC Incident – 2014 Drought

- The SOC, Inland, Coastal, and Southern REOCs and the Santa Barbara County EOC are activated in support of the Drought State of Emergency and continue to monitor the situation.
- The Governor issued an Executive Order on 09/19/14, to streamline relief efforts for families with drinking water shortages due to drought. Specifically, through the California Disaster Assistance Act, to provide temporary water supplies to households without water for drinking and/or sanitation purposes.
- CDAA 2014 Drought Fact Sheet and Frequently Asked Questions provided to Regions for reference and distribution.
- Cal OES Recovery continues to coordinate a monthly state interagency conference call regarding drought community impacts.
- Cal OES Regional (Inland, Coastal, Southern) conference calls continue to occur on a bi-weekly basis.
- Cal OES Region/Recovery Call frequencies will change on an as needed basis.

CAL OES MISSIONS

Ongoing Cal OES Missions

- **2015-LAW-9034, 3/21/15 1706 hours:** Mono County Sheriff requesting air support to locate and possibly airlift out a missing hiker. Cal OES LDO coordinating resources. **Mission Ongoing.**
- **2015-LAW-9018, 3/18/15 1329 hours:** Solano County Sheriff requested 2 HRD dogs for a continuation of a search from 2013. The location of the search is in Vacaville CA. Cal OES Canine Coordinator is working on the request. Search scheduled for 3/25/15 at 0900. **Mission Ongoing.**



Mission:

We protect lives and property, build capabilities, and support our communities for a resilient California.

We achieve our mission by serving the public through effective collaboration in preparing for, protecting against, responding to, recovering from, and mitigating the impacts of all hazards and threats.